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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIANS TURN DOWN PAPUAN SEPARATIST PETITION.

REF: PORT MORESBY 077

1. PRESS REPORTS THAT HIGH COMMISSIONER CRITCHLEY, SPEAKING FOR AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT, INFORMED PAPUA BASENA LEADER JOSEPHINE ABALIAH (A) THAT IT WOULD STAND BY ITS DECISION TO HAND OVER INDEPENDENCE TO A UNITED PAPUA NEW GUINEA; (B) THAT AUSTRALIAN AID TO PNG WOULD BE CHANNELED THROUGH THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT; (C) THAT THE GOA WOULD NOT CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO DELEGATES OF PAPUA BESENA AND THE PAPUA GROUP TO VISIT AUSTRALIA AND (D) THAT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR TRAVEL WITHIN PNG WAS A MATTER FOR THE GPNG TO CONSIDER.

2. ABALIAH, INTERVIEWED ON RADIO JANUARY 29 EXPRESSED HER DISAPPOINTMENT AT REJECTION OF PAPUAN PETITION.

3. COMMENT: THIS FIRM REJECTION BY GOA WILL MUTE THE PAPUAN SEPARATIST DRUMS FOR A WHILE, BUT WHEN THE NEXT
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OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF, I EXPECT ABALIAH'S VOICE

WILL BE HEARD AGAIN.
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